

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-09-20

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 22, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2020, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District for the week of July 27 – August 2.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 5 AAC 77.591 *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* and authority under AS 16.05.060, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be closed from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 27 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under the *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* (5 AAC 77.591) and directs the department to establish weekly fishing periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During July 13 – 19, there were 41,777 salmon counted past the sonar with an objective of 47,737 salmon, a deficit of 5,960 salmon for the week. This level of sonar passage would normally allow for 84 hours of fishing time during the week of July 27 – August 2. However, total salmon passage by the Miles Lake sonar is 11% below the inriver goal objective for this date. As of July 21, a total of 521,678 salmon have been counted past the Miles Lake sonar compared to an objective of 586,593 salmon for this date, a deficit of 64,915 salmon with over 85% of the run past the sonar. Due to overall low sockeye salmon passage and concerns of not achieving the sockeye salmon escapement goal, a full closure of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon dip net fishery for the week of July 27 – August 2 is justified.

DISTRIBUTION:

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